

Listing of the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) with a body (4) including a windshield frame (2) and a roof (3) ~~provided with a flexible cover (6) supported by a transverse support (18)~~, which includes a front roof area (9) and a rear roof area (8), supported by a transverse support (18), wherein the front roof area (9) is movable between an open state and a closed state such that the front roof area (9) is storable in a body recess (14), which is bounded on a rear by an edge (15) of the body (4), in the open state in the same orientation as in the closed state,

characterized by the fact that the rear roof area (8) is disposed rearward relative to the front roof area (9) and the front roof area (9) and the transverse support (18) of the rear roof area (8) are separated by a separation joint (7) ~~when the roof (3) is in the closed state;~~

wherein the front roof area (9) is designed essentially as a rigid assembly;

wherein the transverse support (18) is rigid and includes a rear edge (19) continuously overlapped by a flexible cover (6);

wherein the rear roof area (8) is overlapped with the flexible cover (6) supported between the transverse support (18) and the rear edge (15) of the body (4);

wherein the rear roof area (8) folds along the rear edge (19) such that the rear roof area (8) and the transverse support (18) are displaced beneath the front roof area (9) and a rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9), at the separation joint (7), is adapted to the curvature of the edge (15) of the body (4) bounding the rear of the body recess (14) when the roof (3) is in the open state;

wherein a front edge (12) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the windshield frame (2) and a rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the transverse support (18) of the rear roof area (8) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

wherein the transverse support (18) locks to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** the roof area (8) adjacent behind the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is displaced beneath the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the open state.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim

1, **characterized by the fact** the front roof area (9) in the stored state of the roof (3) lies at approximately the same height with the edge (15) that is adjacent behind the front roof area (9) and an additional auto body outside surface (24) adjacent to the front roof area (9).

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that a remaining gap (23) between the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) and the auto body edge (15) bordering the recess is narrower than 40 millimeters.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) of the auto body (4) bordering the auto body recess (14) extends in a curvature in a top view so that the edge (15) includes components on the vehicle transverse sides that point in a direction of travel (F) and the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) includes components pointing in the direction of travel (F) on the sides corresponding to the curvature of the auto body edge (15).

6. (CANCELLED).

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the front roof area (9) includes a plate element (11) that is connectable on one end to a windshield frame (2) and connected on the other end to the additional rear roof area (8) including the cover (6).

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) includes an essentially convex shape in a top view with a cambered front edge (12) and a cambered rear edge (13).

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) is in one piece.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) consists of a lightweight material.

11. (CANCELED).

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim

1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is parallel to a front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is a front edge (16) of a cross bar of an auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid (17).

14. (CANCELED).

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is parallel to a front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is a front edge (16) of a cross bar of an auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid (17).

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A roof (3) that is movable between a closed state and an open state for a cabriolet vehicle (1) having a body (4), the roof (3) comprising:

a front roof area (9) extending between a front edge (12) and a rear edge (13);

wherein the front roof area (9) is substantially rigid;

a rear roof area (8);

wherein the rear roof area (8) is disposed rearward of the front roof area (9) and a separation joint (7) is defined between the rear roof area (8) and the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

a transverse support (18) supporting the rear roof area (8) adjacent the separation joint (7)~~extending between the front roof area (9) and the rear roof area (8);~~

wherein the transverse support (18) locks to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

wherein the transverse support (18) is rigid and includes a rear edge (19) continuously overlapped by a flexible cover (6);

wherein the rear roof area (8) is overlapped with the flexible cover (6) supported between the transverse support (18) and the rear edge (15) of the body (4).

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear edge (12) of the front roof area (9) is connected to the rear roof area (8) at the transverse support (18) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the front edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is connectable to a windshield frame (2) of the body (4) when the roof (3) is in the closed state.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear roof area (8) and the transverse support (18) are disposed beneath the front roof area (9) when the roof (3) is in the open state.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A roof (3), as set forth in claim 17, wherein the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is adapted to the curvature of an edge (15) of the body (4) when the roof (3) is in the open state.

22. (NEW) A roof (3) for a cabriolet vehicle (1) having a body (4) and movable between an open state and a closed state, the roof (3) comprising:

a front roof area (9);

wherein the front roof area (9) includes a plate element (11) that is rigid on an outer surface (10) and extending between a front edge (12) and a rear edge (13);

a rear roof area (8) supported by a transverse support (18);

wherein the front roof area (9) is movable between the open state and the closed state such that the front roof area (9) is storable in a body recess (14), which is bounded on a rear by an edge (15) of the body (4), in the open state in the same orientation as in the closed state;

wherein the transverse support (18) of the rear roof area (8) is disposed rearward relative to the plate element (11) of the front roof area (9) such that the plate element (11) of the front roof area (9) and the transverse support (18) of the rear roof area (8) are separated by a separation joint (7) when the roof (3) is in the closed state;

wherein the transverse support (18) is rigid and includes a rear edge (19) continuously overlapped by a flexible cover (6);

wherein the rear roof area (8) is overlapped with the flexible cover (6) supported between the transverse support (18) and the rear edge (15) of the body (4);

wherein the rear roof area (8) folds along the rear edge (19) such that the rear roof area (8) and the transverse support (18) are displaced beneath the front roof area (9) and a rear edge (13) of the plate element (11), at the separation joint (7), is adapted to the curvature of the edge (15) of the body (4) bounding the rear of the body recess (14) when the roof (3) is in the open state.